

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING,
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009, 6:30 PM
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The School Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 6:30 PM, in the High School Library. Committee members present were: Mr. Norris, Mr. Mills, Mrs. Pezzella and Mrs. Werkheiser. Also present were Superintendent Retchless, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Finance Scarpelli, and Mrs. Lamb.

Citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV were present in the audience.

Mr. Norris introduced Student Representatives Steven DuRoss and Tyler Graziano and noted that Mr. Mullen was unable to attend the meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Pezzella, seconded by Mr. Mills, unanimous, the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2009 were accepted.

Superintendent Retchless reported that there will be a Special Town Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009 in the Rockland High School Auditorium at 7:30 PM for a warrant article. The School Committee meeting will start at 6:00p.m. so that School Committee members can attend the meeting. The Superintendent commended students Talita Lopes who will go to the State finals for Poetry Out Loud and Petros Hologitas who went to state for wrestling. The Superintendent also told the committee about the resignation of the Cafeteria Director, John Brennan from Chartwells and told them we would have an interim manager until a permanent manager is hired.

Minutes of the South Shore Regional District Meeting of January 21, 2009 were noted

A request from the Rockland Youth Football/Cheerleaders to distribute flyers to Grade 2-8 students was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous.

A request from the Rockland Girl Scouts Troop #80452 to distribute Bunny Trail flyers to preschool through elementary students was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous.

A request from the Rockland Girl Scouts Troop #80452 to distribute Theatre Workshop flyers to Grades 3-6 students was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous.

A request from the Rockland High School Music Department to distribute Broadway Night flyers to elementary and middle school students and post at the high school was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous.

On four motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, the following February Monthly Reports were approved:

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| 1) Administrators | Mr. Sangster, Mr. Stanish, Mrs. McGrath,
Mr. Kohn/Dr. Levine, Mrs. Sheehan |
| 2) Guidance | Mrs. Cann |
| 3) Nurse | Mrs. Ryan |
| 4) Pupil Personnel Services | Ms. Salem |

On five separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous, the following Security Trailer Reports for February were accepted:

- 1) Almshouse
- 2) Esten
- 3) Hartsuff Park
- 4) Jefferson
- 5) Memorial Park

The following Newsletters for March were noted:

- 1) Esten
- 2) Jefferson
- 3) Memorial Park
- 4) Middle School

The Building Rentals for February were noted.

After a brief discussion with regard to the survey of local high schools that Mrs. Cann prepared on the mailing of transcripts, it was voted to approve the \$3.00 fee per college for pertinent mailings. On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous.

Mrs. Werkheiser reported that the School Building Committee had signed a contract with Dore & Whittier Architects and submitted it to the MSBA for approval. She also stated that they had a contract with Daedalus as the owner's project manager. Things were coming together and they were just waiting for approval.

Mr. Scarpelli spoke about the article to be submitted to the 2009 Annual Town meeting with regard to selling the Lincoln School. After a general discussion, it was voted to table it until next meeting to get more information from town counsel. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous.

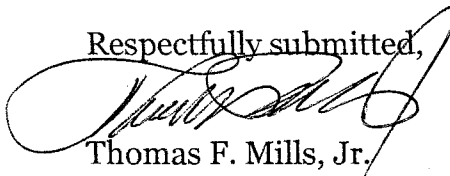
Mr. Scarpelli also talked about the transportation bid for the next three years that would be advertised. On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous, it was voted to advertise for the Transportation Bid.

A summary of the Spring 2009 Rockland Community Education Classes was noted.

Mrs. Werkheiser commended Mrs. Black in guidance for the packet she sent home with the students on important upcoming dates. She reminded students/parents that March 31st was the deadline for the May 2nd SAT registration. She also noted all the parent conferences that were coming up. Elementary on March 12th and 13th, Rockland High School on March 18th and Rogers Middle School on March 19th. Mr. Mills wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Norris noted the Rockland Little League cookbook recipe deadline was Friday, March 13th. He also commended all the winners of the Rockland VFW Ladies Auxiliary contest. There were over 400 participants and all first place winners moved on to the regionals.

On the motion from Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Mills, Jr.
Secretary

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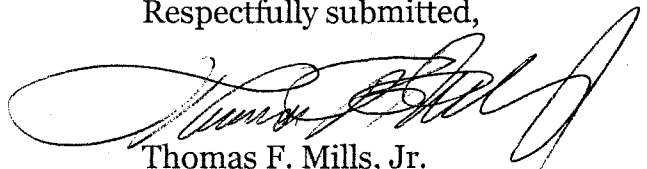
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGET-SUB COMMITTEE MEETING,
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009, 6:00 PM
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

The School Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 6:00 PM at the Superintendent's Office. Committee members present were: Mr. Norris, Mrs. Pezzella, Mr. Mills, and Mrs. Werkheiser. Also present were Superintendent Retchless, and Assistant Superintendent Scarpelli.

Mr. Retchless discussed various options for reducing costs in the cafeteria. For the remainder of FY09, there will be no staff cuts but Chartwells will reduce its labor costs by \$5,000 which matches the savings that would have been realized by cutting staff.

On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Thomas F. Mills, Jr., is written over the printed name.

Thomas F. Mills, Jr.
Secretary